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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Brad Sheehan
Director of Safety, Agent for Service
ExpressJet Airlines, Inc.
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Re: **NOTICE OF VIOLATION AND REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**
Aircraft Public Water System Identification Number: AC0000510
FAA Registry No: N16170

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency oversees implementation of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), 42 U.S.C. §§ 300f – 300j-26, and the Aircraft Drinking Water Rule (ADWR), 40 C.F.R. §§ 141.800 – 810. To facilitate implementation of the ADWR, the EPA has developed a centralized, web-based Aircraft Reporting and Compliance System (ARCS) for air carriers to use as an Agency approved method to submit required information in an electronic format.

Based on EPA's review of the data submitted in ARCS by ExpressJet Airlines, Inc., (ExpressJet), there has been a violation for the above mentioned aircraft public water systems (APWS). This violation is identified below:

<u>APWS Identification #/ FAA Registry No)</u>	<u>Monitoring Period</u>	<u>Violation</u>
AC0000510 (N16170)	01/01/14 – 12/31/14	Failure to perform routine sampling

These are violations of the SDWA and the ADWR and include the following:

1. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 141.803(b), for each aircraft water system the air carrier must conduct routine coliform sampling at the frequency corresponding to the frequency of routine disinfection and flushing frequency determined by the air carrier.

According to the information entered into ARCS by the air carrier, ExpressJet is required to conduct routine coliform sampling annually. The information in ARCS and reviewed by the EPA indicates that ExpressJet failed to perform routine coliform sampling during the monitoring period of January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014. On January 7, 2015, ExpressJet entered "Not Performed" into ARCS for the required sampling. Therefore, ExpressJet is in violation of 40 C.F.R. § 141.803(b), for the failure to timely conduct routine coliform sampling.

2. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 141.810(a), An aircraft is in violation of the ADWR when for any aircraft water system it fails to perform any of the requirements in accordance with § 141.803

or § 141.804. As discussed above ExpressJet violated 40 C.F.R. § 141.803 and therefore is also in violation of 40 C.F.R. § 141.810(a).

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 141.803(f), if an air carrier fails to perform routine coliform sampling the air carrier must perform the specified corrective actions. The information in ARCS and reviewed by the EPA indicated that ExpressJet properly performed and reported the required corrective actions. Therefore, no additional corrective actions are required for the above violations.

SDWA Section 1414, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3, authorizes the EPA to take formal enforcement action against public water systems for violations of the national primary drinking water regulations, including ADWR. Within **fifteen (15) days** of receipt of this notice of violation, ExpressJet shall submit a description of how the air carrier plans to ensure that these type of violations do not continue to occur. Please submit this information to the EPA at the address below. This letter is both a notice of violation and an informal request for information. It does not represent the initiation of a formal enforcement action.


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Please be advised that any information provided may be used by the EPA in any administrative, civil, or criminal proceedings related to this or other matters.

Enclosed is a document entitled *U.S. EPA Small Business Resources-Information Sheet* for your use and to assist you in understanding the compliance assistance resources and tools available to you.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Driskell, of my staff at (404) 562-9735 or driskell.amanda@epa.gov. Any legal inquiries should be directed to Ms. Wilda Cobb, Associate Regional Counsel at (404) 562-9530 or cobb.wilda@epa.gov.

Sincerely,


James D. Giattina
Director
Water Protection Division

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